

SENATE BILL 442

By Rose

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 16, Part 2, relative to contraband in a
penal institution.

WHEREAS, telecommunication devices in penal institutions propagate and continue
criminal enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the presence of telecommunication devices in penal institutions is a threat
to the well-being of both the victims of crime and the general public at large; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-201(b)(2), is amended by
adding the following new subdivision:

(C) Any telecommunication device.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-201(c), is amended by adding
the following new subdivision:

(3) A violation of subdivision (b)(2)(C) is a Class E felony. A first violation is
punishable only by fine. A second or subsequent violation is punishable only by a fine of
three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.